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FROM: HA - Patricia M. Derian *PD by RC*

SUBJECT: Argentina

Steve Palmer of our office attended the E staff meeting of September 26. I understand that, at the meeting, it was stated that the Department has "denied to forces of repressive regimes not only thumbscrews but ambulances."

You may not be aware that last month, with HA's support, the Department approved the export of a number of air ambulances to the Argentine military. To the best of my knowledge, we have never denied licenses for exports, such as ambulances, which serve humanitarian purposes.

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